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1. BELOW IS GUIDANCE ON RWANDA (STATEMENT/GUIDANCE) AND  
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2. RWANDA: STATEMENT -- THE FIGHTING MUST STOP

STATEMENT BY MICHAEL MCCURRY, SPOKESMAN

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS DEEPLY DISTURBED BY THE ESCALATING  
FIGHTING IN RWANDA AND CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF  
HOSTILITIES. WE CONDEMN IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THE BRUTAL  
KILLING OF POLITICAL FIGURES AND THE SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENT  
CIVILIANS. THE REVENGE KILLINGS MUST STOP; REPRISALS --  
BY ANY SIDE -- ARE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

THE PARTIES SHOULD AGREE TO -- AND HONOR -- AN IMMEDIATE  
CEASE-FIRE AND REESTABLISH MEANINGFUL POLITICAL DIALOGUE.  
BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RWANDA PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF)  
HAVE PROFESSED THE DESIRE TO INSTALL A BROAD-BASED

TRANSITION GOVERNMENT, AS CALLED FOR BY THE ARUSHA  
ACCORD. WE FULLY EXPECT THE PARTIES TO HONOR THIS  
COMMITMENT AND TO BEGIN POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS TO ACHIEVE  
THAT END. THESE DISCUSSIONS MUST BE GROUNDED IN THE  
PRINCIPLES OF THE ARUSHA ACCORD, WHICH STILL REPRESENTS  
THE BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACE IN RWANDA.

3. RWANDA: GUIDANCE

Q. CAN WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON THE FIGHTING? WHAT IS THE

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CURRENT SITUATION ON THE GROUND?

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A. THERE ARE NO U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN RWANDA AND THE EMBASSY IS TEMPORARILY UNSTAFFED. WITHOUT A U.S. GOVERNMENT PRESENCE ON THE GROUND IN RWANDA WE CANNOT OBTAIN FIRST-HAND REPORTS ON THE SITUATION.

PRESS AND OTHER SECOND-HAND REPORTS INDICATE THAT HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUES IN KIGALI. THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) HAS APPARENTLY TAKEN MORE GROUND IN THE CITY, AND FIGHTING HAS REPORTEDLY MOVED CLOSER TO THE AIRPORT.

Q. HAS THE RPF ORDERED ALL FOREIGN TROOPS TO LEAVE? DOES THIS INCLUDE UNAMIR TROOPS, AND WHAT DO WE THINK OF THE RPF'S POSITION?

A. THE RPF HAS CALLED FOR THE DEPARTURE OF FOREIGN TROOPS DEPLOYED BILATERALLY AS SOON AS EVACUATION OF FOREIGNERS IS COMPLETED. WE UNDERSTAND FRENCH TROOPS HAVE ALREADY LEFT AND THE BELGIANS PLAN TO LEAVE AFTER THE EVACUATION IS COMPLETE.

THE RPF HAS NOT CALLED FOR UNAMIR TROOPS TO LEAVE.

Q. WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF UN PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS IN RWANDA?

A. UNAMIR FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL DALLAIRE AND UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE BOOH BOOH CONTINUE ATTEMPTS TO RE-START A DIALOGUE AMONG ALL THE PARTIES. UNAMIR HAS ASSISTED EFFORTS TO EVACUATE CIVILIANS.

THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL HAS MET SEVERAL TIMES THIS WEEK TO  
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DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN RWANDA AND THE ROLE OF THE UN. SO FAR, NO FINAL DECISION ON THE FUTURE OF UNAMIR HAS BEEN MADE.

Q. HAVE THE BELGIANS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW ALL FORCES FROM UNAMIR?

A. BELGIUM HAS INFORMED THE UN THAT THE DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION MAKES IT NECESSARY TO WITHDRAW ITS

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PEACEKEEPING CONTINGENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. WE SHARE THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM AND SUPPORT ITS DECISION.

Q. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT A GROUP OF WESTERN JOURNALISTS STUCK IN KIGALI?

A. APPROXIMATELY 12 JOURNALISTS, INCLUDING 7 AMERICANS, ARE IN KIGALI. EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY TO SAFELY EVACUATE THOSE WHO WISH TO LEAVE.

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4. SOUTH AFRICA: TWO GUIDANCES  
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A. MEDIATION BREAKDOWN

: PLEASE UPDATE US ON THE STATUS OF THE MEDIATION EFFORT.

A: THE MEDIATORS HAVE JUST HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN JOHANNESBURG TO ANNOUNCE THE END OF THE MEDIATION EFFORT. IN THE ABSENCE OF TERMS OF REFERENCE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL  
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PARTIES, THE MEDIATORS HAVE DETERMINED THEY CANNOT PLAY A SEFUL ROLE NOW.

WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT THE MEDIATION EFFORT DID NOT SUCCEED IN RESOLVING OUTSTANDING ISSUES. WE URGE THE PARTIES TO CONTINUE TO SEEK SOLUTIONS TO THESE OUTSTANDING MATTERS.

WE ALSO WISH TO COMMEND THE MEDIATORS FOR THEIR DILIGENT EFFORTS AND COMMITMENT TO SEEKING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA.

B. ELECTION INTIMIDATION

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT POLITICAL INTIMIDATION IN THE ELECTION PROCESS?

A: UNFORTUNATELY, POLITICAL INTIMIDATION HAS BEEN A PART OF THE ELECTION PROCESS. FOLLOWERS OF SOME PARTIES HAVE PREVENTED CAMPAIGNING BY OTHER PARTIES IN CERTAIN AREAS.

ALSO, SOME WHITE FARMERS AND EMPLOYERS HAVE REPORTEDLY PREVENTED THEIR BLACK EMPLOYEES FROM ATTENDING VOTER EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND POLITICAL RALLIES. INTOLERANCE TO

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OTHER POLITICAL VIEWS HAS BEEN A MAJOR SOURCE OF VIOLENCE. DESPITE SERIOUS CHALLENGES, THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION (IEC) IS DETERMINED TO PROCEED WITH ELECTIONS IN KWAZULU/NATAL.

THE IEC IS MONITORING POLITICAL PARTY ACTIVITY AND IS STRIVING TO ENSURE A SECURITY ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH FREE  
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AND FAIR VOTING CAN TAKE PLACE. COMPLAINTS FROM PARTIES OR INDIVIDUALS ARE INVESTIGATED BY THE IEC AND EITHER PROSECUTED OR REFERRED TO MEDIATION.

WE CONDEMN IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THE INTIMIDATION AND VIOLENCE BY OPPONENTS TO DEMOCRATIC CHANGE. WE SUPPORT ALL EFFORTS, WITHIN THE LAW, TO CURTAIL THE VIOLENCE AND TO ENSURE FREE POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

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